

Big Fire Engine Branded 'Lemon' At Council Meet

Camas' \$13,000 American La France fire truck was branded a "lemon" at Tuesday night's council meeting in the height of a discussion about a bill for parts totalling \$1600 that the manufacturers are having a hard time collecting from the city.

In December, 1932, the big nine ton "lemon" broke down, a factory representative was called to the scene and several parts were replaced, for which subsequently a bill for \$1600 was received. The council, the mayor and the firemen all contend that the amount is excessive and the city so far has refused to pay a dime. The American LaFrance people have made two reductions in the original bill, and declare now that they will be satisfied with a mere \$1,300.

At the council meeting charges were made that the truck had been defective from the start. When the breakdown occurred it had been driven only 1,075 miles. It was also declared that the motor never would be entirely satisfactory and one councilman went so far as to suggest that the motor could be sent back to the factory and a new Hall-Scott unit be purchased for less than the American LaFrance bill.

The story of the breakdown is roughly this: On the way to a fire in the Carmack addition on that fateful December 23 the support to the front main bearing broke off and damaged several other parts. The factory representative replaced two connecting rods, a crank shaft, a fly wheel, two new cam shafts, oil rings, piston rings, timing gears, main bearings and base, oil pan and a fan pulley. The generator and magneto had to be repaired. No. 1 and 2 cylinder blocks and the steaming post welded and valves ground and refaced.

Many of the parts returned were salvagable, the council contends, but no credit was given to the city for them. The council's next move will be to send a bill to the factory for the parts that were taken away.

Fire Chief Frank Province jocularly remarked Tuesday night that all the truck needs now is a coat of yellow-green paint to be a real "lemon."

Enough Gasoline On Hand for 4th

Texaco Stations Only Ones Hit by "Famine" So Far.

Whether there would be gasoline enough for Camas for the Fourth of July was the big question among motorists this week.

But a check of service stations Thursday disclosed that most had enough on hand for the holiday and many of them longer than that. Only the Texaco stations were without gas. Standard Oil has approximately 10,000 gallons in its tank at Oak Park. Union, Richfield, Marine, Associated, Shell and General Petroleum stations all had large quantities on hand and most were confident of getting additional supplies during the week end.

A check of apartment houses revealed that only the Clara street apartment was low on fuel oil. Others have enough to last them from two to six weeks of summer weather. Individual residence users, however, were having difficulty in getting supplies replenished.

THANKS, FOLKS!

WE wish to express our appreciation to all local folks and business establishments who contributed to the success of this year's Wild Spree and to that host of out-of-town visitors who made it financially possible.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

M. E. Carkin, chairman; George Charters, Art Jones, Frank Collins.

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